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reports and have not been artificially constructed for the occasion.

The concluding pages are devoted to suggestions and rules as to the conduct of debate, based on the practice of the best speakers.

A few principles thoroughly learned as to the requirements of proof will enable the beginner to protect himself against error, and to strike with force and precision at the weak point of his opponent, and thereby expose it. In truth, for every rule well studied and understood he will be putting an arrow into his own quiver, that will afford him a valuable weapon of defense or attack in time of need.

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Shippers and Carriers of Interstate Freight. By Edgar Watkins, LL.B. T. H. Flood & Co., Chicago, pp. 578. 1909.

Federal control of commerce is naturally becoming more and more important as the commerce between the states increases. Mr. Watkins in this book has presented a treatise on the subject of interstate freight which should be very valuable to both lawyers and laymen who need a knowledge of the subject.

A great many cases from the Federal Courts and the Interstate Commerce Commission have been cited and in many instances apt passages have been quoted. On the points not yet decided Mr. Watkins has endeavored to show the tendency of the law on the question by inferences drawn from the cases of the courts which will ultimately have to decide them.

About a third of the book is given up to the acts of Congress regulating commerce, as amended at various times, together with the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, the act to prevent cruelty to animals known as the Twenty-Eight Hour Law, and the act concerning Trusts and Other Combinations in Restraint of Trade, all of which have been carefully annotated in their relation to the subject of interstate freight.

The book ends with nine appendices containing various acts relating to the subject. It is of undoubted value to any one interested in interstate commerce.—Ed.